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SUBJ: EUPHRATES AGREEMENTS WITH TURKEY AND SYRIA

1. RCC MEMBER TAHA AL-JAZRAWI RETURNED TO BAGHDAD AUG 19 AND ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH BOTH TURKEY AND SYRIA FOR SHARING OF EUPHRATES WATERS. (DETAILS OF ACCORDS IN FBIS) ACCORDING TO IRAQI MIN OF IRRIGATION THESE ACCORDS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AVERT LIKELY DISASTER OF CROPS IN EUPHRATES VALLEY.

2. TURKISH AMB CUHRUK TOLD ME THAT WHAT MEDIA NEGLECTED TO EMPHAIZE IS THAT ACCORDS ARE ONLY VALID FOR 22 DAYS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY RELIEF TO IRAQ.

3. COMMENT: UNUSUALLY FRANK ANTI-SYRIAN STATEMENTS SUGGEST THAT IRAQI BITTERNESS TOWARD SYRIA, AND TO LESSER EXTENT TOWARD TURKEY RUNS DEEP. ONCE AGAIN SYRIA HAS FORCEFULLY
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DEMONSTRATED ITS CAPABILITY TO USE ITS GEORGRAPHIC POSITION

TO HURT IRAQ, AS IT HAS IN PAST ON TRANSIT FOR KIRKUK OIL
AND GOOD FROM LEBANON. JUST WHAT FORM IRAQI VINDICTIVE-
NESS MIGHT TAKE IS DIFFICULT TO FORSEE. POSSIBILITY OF
ECONOMIC REPRISALS SEEMS VERY LIMITED BUT REGIME
MIGHT WELL ATTEMPT TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO SUBVERT REGIME
THROUGH SUNNI ELEMENTS IN SYRIA, INTENSIFY SUPPORT TO
PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS, AND INCREASE PROPAGANDA AGAINST
SYRIA'S "CAPITULATIONIST" POLICIES.
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